



**Protect Your Child
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Lead Program Grants

Overview of Previous Funding
Opportunities and Tips for a
Winning Application



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Agenda

- Lead (Pb) Grant Opportunities
- Tips from Grantees
- How EPA Can Help



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New Community-based Lead Grant Program

- Provides grants for activities that could include outreach, training, ordinance development, and other activities that would result in reduction of childhood lead poisoning.
- Support the partnership of national organizations with community-based organizations and local governments to improve the environmental health of a community regarding lead poisoning prevention.
- Made available approximately \$1.5 million in FY07.



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Tribal Lead Grants

- To support Tribal educational outreach and to conduct a baseline assessment of Tribal children's existing and potential exposure to lead-based paint and related lead-based paint hazards.
- Activities eligible for funding include educational outreach, data gathering, inspections, risk assessments, training, and development of new and innovative approaches to identifying or reducing lead poisoning.
- Made available approximately \$750 thousand in FY07.



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Targeted Grants to Reduce Childhood Lead Poisoning

- Competitive grant program addresses populations still at risk for elevated blood lead levels.
- For conducting activities to reduce incidences of childhood lead poisoning in vulnerable populations, including projects to:
 - Reduce lead poisoning in areas with high incidences of elevated blood-lead levels;
 - Identify and reduce lead poisoning in under-studied areas with high potential for undocumented elevated blood-lead levels; and
 - Develop tools to address unique and challenging issues in lead poisoning prevention, especially tools that are replicable and scalable for other areas.Activities eligible for funding include outreach and public education, data gathering, monitoring, training, inspections and assessments, and demonstrations of new and innovative approaches for identifying or reducing lead poisoning.
- Made available approximately \$3 million in FY07.



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Lead-based Paint Program Grants

- Non-matching financial assistance (grants) to States, Territories, the District of Columbia, and eligible Indian Tribes and Intertribal Consortia under the authority of section 404(g) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (15 U.S.C. 2684(g)).
- To develop and/or carry out authorized programs to ensure that individuals engaged in lead-based paint activities are properly trained, that training programs are accredited, and that contractors engaged in such activities are certified; and to develop and/or carry out lead pre-renovation education programs.



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Best Practices



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Best Practices

- Chippewa Cree Tribe
 - *Tribal Lead Grant*
- Northeast Denver Housing Center
 - *Targeted Grants to Reduce Childhood Lead Poisoning*
- Utah Department of Environmental Quality
 - *Lead-Based Paint Program Grants*
- Colorado Lead Coalition
 - *Lead-Based Paint Program Grants and other*



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Tips from Lead Grantees



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Tips from Lead Grantees

- **Think about potential project ideas year round.**
 - If you know what you are trying to accomplish then you will be prepared and ready for grant opportunities to meet the financial needs of your project.
- **Be tied to your community.**
 - Working within your community will help to build partnerships and ensure that your project ideas are practical and useful.
- **Start Early.**
 - Review the grant application immediately and write down any questions.
 - Ask for letters of support from the local community if applicable to your project.



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Tips from Lead Grantees

➤ Answer every question:

- If there are similar or duplicate questions, avoid referring to the answer of another questions in your response. Use the same response twice or reword the response so that it answers the question, even if you feel the issue has already been addressed.
- Avoid stating “none” or “no experience” if applicable. Try to think of another project or experience in which the similar skill set was used to accomplish a goal or solve a problem. Then describe how this experience is relevant to the questions asked on the grant application.

➤ Make the application memorable: Make it easy to read.

- Whenever possible, avoid using hard to understand technical jargon. Do not assume your audience is as familiar with the topic as you are.



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Tips from Lead Grantees

- **List information if possible.**
 - List community partners or other information versus putting it into paragraph form. This will make the document appear clear and be easier to read.
- **Be clear and specific on where the money will go.**
 - This will demonstrate a well researched project idea.
- **Provide a Refresher.**
 - Keep the Budget format the same, however, beneath the budget chart remind the reviewer of your proposal by writing one sentence or less about where the money is going.



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Tips from Lead Grantees

- Keep the Grant focused and to the point.
 - Keep your responses concise, factual, and clear. Avoid flowery sentences that are repetitive or difficult to understand. Unclear sentences may distract from your project proposal and confuse the reader.
- Ask Questions.
 - Call the contact person on the grant to ask clarifying questions. There is a limited time in which this is allowed, which is why it is important to review the grant application immediately.
- Follow directions exactly.
 - If no format guidance is provided in the grant application, then structure your grant proposal in the same order and with the same headlines as the grant itself. Avoid rearranging the order of the grant.



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How Can EPA Help



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How Can EPA Help

- Brochures and Documents
- GIS Expertise
- Lead-Based Paint Program Development
- Technical Assistance and Outreach



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Geographical Information System Expertise

Region 8 EPA GIS Program:

The Region 8 EPA Lead-Based Paint (LBP) Program can offer more than grants to state and county agencies. The LBP GIS program is an available resource to help other government agencies compile Blood-Lead (BLL) data and digitally superimpose, or layer, this data with other geographic or demographic information to create a map.



DO YOU...



**Live in an
older house?**



**Have chipped
or peeling paint?**



**Your children
might have
lead poisoning!**



**GET THEM
TESTED!**



Contact EPA at 1-800-227-8917



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Technical Assistance and Outreach

Tribal Lead Outreach:

- Region 8 EPA designed and hand delivered a poster to 25 Indian Reservations to promote awareness of lead poisoning in children.
 - Placed in Post Offices, grocery stores, recreation centers, WIC offices, Indian Health Services Clinics, Tribal Environmental Offices, and Tribal Headquarters.
 - Identical postcards printed and distributed to Head Start children to remind their parents to request free blood lead testing through Indian Health Services. The result of this project was an increase in parents bringing their children in for blood level testing.
 - Resulted in an increase in blood-lead testing.



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